

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
UNION CITY CONDEMNING AND COMBATING RACISM,  
XENOPHOBIA, AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST ASIAN  
AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

WHEREAS, the City of Union City's support for inclusion and belonging for people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities is critical to guaranteeing the safety and security of all; and

WHEREAS, during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric has put Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) persons, families, communities, and businesses at risk; and

WHEREAS, AAPI communities are immensely diverse, consisting of multiple ethnicities, hundreds of languages and dialects, wide-ranging socioeconomic characteristics, and distinct immigration patterns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Union City recognizes that anti-Asian statements at the national level have played a role in furthering xenophobic sentiments, including references to the COVID-19 pandemic by the geographic location of its origin; and

WHEREAS, such statements are inaccurate and have promoted unfounded fears and perpetuated stigma about AAPI persons, which have contributed to increasing rates of bullying, harassment, and hate crimes against AAPI persons; and

WHEREAS, AAPI persons have always been an important part of our civic community, having made substantial contributions towards making the City of Union City and the Nation more secure throughout its history, and most recently in regard to front line work during the COVID-19 pandemic involving upwards of two million AAPI's in health care, law enforcement and other first responder roles, transportation, supermarkets, and in other essential roles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Union City will work to combat racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against AAPI's and to ensure that all members of AAPI communities — no matter their background, the language they speak, or their religious beliefs — are treated with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Union City as follows:

1. The City denounces xenophobia and anti-AAPI sentiment and condemns harmful rhetoric and racist acts arising from the fears of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The City joins cities, counties, and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of citizens, non-citizens and visitors with ancestry from the Asia Pacific region and in combating racist acts targeting AAPIs.

3. The City calls upon all counties, cities, local governments, residents, City staff and community groups to assist in the furtherance of these objectives.

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